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L. PORTUGAL: THE HEATED DENIAL BY PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER GONCLAVES' OFFICE ON MONDAY THAT HE HAD RESIGNED MAY MEAN THAT HE HAS REFUSED TO GIVE UP IN THE FACE OF EXTREME PRESSURE. IF 30, THE BATTLE FOR POLITICAL DOMINANCE COULD EXPAND WITH DRAMATIC SUDDENNESS INTO A CLASH WITHIN THE MILITARY. Y

SPECULATION EARLIER ON MONDAY THAT GONCALVES HAD RESIGNED. REPORTS REACHING THE EMBASSY SUGGESTED GONCALVES HAD DEFERRED TO PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, WHO WAS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT THAT MOULD INCLUDE FOUR OR FIVE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS, WITH GONCALVES IN A MINOR ROLE. EMBASSY SOURCES INDICATED THAT THE SOCIALISTS AND THE CENTER-LEFT POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY WOULD BE ASKED TO JOIN THE CABINET. THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE BRANDED THESE REPORTS LIES AND SAID GONCALVES WOULD FORM A GOVERNMENT LATER

MONDAY NIGHT, GONCALVES RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM REVERAL DOZEN OFFICERS AT THE GENERAL HEADQUAPTERS OF THE LISSON MILITARY

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REGION WHO ENDORSED HIS CONTINUED ROLE AS PRIME MINISTER. THE LISBON MILITARY REGION, HOWEVER, IS NOT TYPICAL OF THE ARMED FORCES AS A WHOLE, WHERE ANTI-GONCALVES SENTIMENT IS REPORTEDLY GROWING.Y

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TENSION, MEANWHILE, INCREASED IN THE CONSERVATIVE MORTH OF

PORTUGAL, WHEN TWO ANTI-COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATORS WERE

KILLED BY AN ARMY CAPTAIN. THE SHOOTINGS OCCURRED IN FAMALICAD,

WHERE THE LOCAL COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS WAS RAZED BY DEMONSTRATORS.

THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE REPORTEDLY ASSISTED BY SOME MEMBERS OF

THE SECURITY FORCES.Y

THE COMMUNISTS—APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO DIVERT ATTENTION

FROM THE GROUNDSWELL OF ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENT—BLAMED THIS

AND SIMILAR INCIDENTS ON THE PORTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY. A

GROUP OF CONSERVATIVE PORTUGUESE DISSIDENTS BELIEVED HEADQUARTERED

IN SPAIN.Y

COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALVARO CUNHAL'S GROWING CONCERN OVER THE ATTACKS WAS REFLECTED IN A SPEECH IN THE COMMUNIST STRONGHOLD OF EVORA ON SUNDAY. CUNHAL APPEALED FOR SUPPORT FROM THE FAR DATE:

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LEFT, CALLED FOR UNITY IN THE FACE OF A "MOUNTING COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY THREAT," AND WARNED THAT GROUPS ON THE FAR LEFT
WOULD BE THE NEXT TO BE ATTACKED. SOME FAR LEFT PARTIES HAVE
OPENLY SIDED WITH THE SOCIALIST AND POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTIES
AND ARE BITTER ENEMIES OF THE COMMUNESTS.

A CHURCH DEMONSTRATION IN THE NORTH ON SUNDAY FURTHER
INCREASED PRESSURE BOTH ON THE COMMUNISTS AND THE ARMED
FORCES MOVEMENT. THE BISHOP OF COIMBRA URGED CATHOLICS TO BECOME
MORE MILITANT IN OPPOSING EFFORTS DIRECTED AT ALIENATING
THE PEOPLE FROM THEIR PARISH PRIESTS AND BISHOPS. BOTH THE
PATRIARCH OF LISBON AND THE PAPAL NUNCIO HAVE SAID THAT
THE CHURCH IN PORTUGAL IS DETERMINED TO WAGE A UNITED STRUGGLE
AGAINST MOVEMENT POLICIES WHICH FAVOR THE COMMUNISTS. {CONFIDENTIAL}

2. BULGARIA-TURKEY: BULGARIAN LEADER ZHIVKOV AND TURKISH PRESIDENT DEMIREL MADE SOME PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF BORDER TRANSIT AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS DURING THEIR TALKS ON JULY 20.4

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THE CYPRUS DISPUTE, WAS ALSO ANXIOUS—AS WAS ANKARA

-TO USE THE TURKISH-BULGARIAN SUMMIT TO BALANCE

THE IMPACT OF THE RECENT VISIT BY GREEK PRIME MIN
ISTER KARAMANLIS. ZHIVKOV'S EFFORTS TO CONVINCE DEMIREL

THAT SOFIA WAS NOT TILTING TOWARD ATHENS, HOWEVER,

WERE APPARENTLY NOT SUCCESSFUL. THE TIRSE COMMUNIQUE

SUMMING UP THE TALKS STATED ONLY THAT THE TWO LEADERS

HAD BRIEFED EACH OTHER ON THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS

ON CYPRUS.Y

ALTHOUGH THE VISIT OSTENSIBLY CELEBRATED THE
LINKING OF THE ELECTRIC POWER GRIDS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, IT WAS APPARENTLY HASTILY ELEVATED INTO A
SUMMIT AT SOFIA'S INSISTENCE. THE LAST-MINUTE CHANGE
MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE LIGHT COVERAGE IN THE
BULGARIAN NEWS MEDIA.Y

THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE TALKS WAS EVIDENTLY ON ECNOMICS. THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN SOFIA REMARKED

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THAT ZHIVKOV HAD "ONE MAJOR CONCERN"--TO PERSUADE THE

TURKS TO REMOVE BOTTLENECKS HIMDERING TRANSIT TRAFFIC

FROM BULGARIA INTO TURKEY. CONGESTION AT THE BORDER

CROSSING POINT HAS BEEN ENDEMIC, BUT IT HAS LATELY

BECOME SO BAD THAT BULGARIAN TRANSPORTATION MINISTER

TSANOV REMARKED THAT HE WOULD BE "FIRED WITHIN ONE

WEEK" IF THE SITUATION DID NOT IMPROVE. THE TURKISH

AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS COUNTRY'S LIMITED

RAIL CAPACITY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO A BACKLOG OF SEVERAL

THOUSAND FREIGHT CARS FROM THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.Y

IF THE PROBLEMS PERSIST, BULGARIA--ASTRIDE A MAJOR LAND TRANSIT ROUTE TO THE MIDDLE EASTERN PETRODOLLAR COUNTRIES--COULD LOSE LARGE SUMS OF HARD CURRENCY. IN ADDITION, SOFIA REPORTEDLY IS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM SOME OF ITS CEMA PART-NERS--MOTABLY THE EAST GERMANS AND THE ROMANIANS --TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. BUCHAREST HAS ALLEGEDLY COMPLAINED THAT SOFIA GIVES PREFERENCE TO

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ITS OWN EXPORTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST AT THE EXPENSE OF ROMANIAN PRODUCTS. Y

THE COAST NOW SEEMS CLEAR FOR BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV--ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO

VISIT ANKARA AT THE END OF JULY--TO VISIT TURKEY,

PERHAPS AS EARLY AS NEXT MONTH. SOFIA HAD APPLIED

CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO GET APPROVAL FOR THE

VISIT, BUT IT WAS REPORTEDLY RESCHEDULED BECAUSE OF

THE HELSINKI SUMMIT. • CONFIDENTIALLY

2. USSR: SOVIET INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR GREW 5-8 PERCENT. OVER THE COMPARABLE PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE INCREASE WAS L-9 PERCENT.4

ALL CONSUMER-ORIENTED BRANCHES MATCHED OR EXCEEDED LAST YEAR'S GROWTH RATES EXCEPT PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTION, WHERE UNFAVORABLE WEATHER REDUCED RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIES. THERE WAS A STEADY GROWTH IN LIVESTOCK HERDS, MEAT PRODUCTION WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE WITH A 7 PERCENT GROWTH SINCE IT

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PERCENT INCREASE, BUT WE DO HAVE A FEW REPORTS OF LOCAL MEAT SHORTAGES. THE DECLINE IN BUTTER AND VEGETABLE OIL PRODUCTION FROM LAST YEAR'S RECORD LEVELS HAS NOT YET LED TO RETAIL SHORTAGES. BUT THE SUPPLY SITUATION COULD DETERIORATE IF NEITHER OF THESE PRODUCTS REACHES LAST YEAR'S PRODUCTION LEVELS.Y

THE 5.5-PERCENT INCREASE IN CONSUMER DURABLES

PRODUCTION—ALTHOUGH SLOWER THAN THE INDUSTRIAL

AVERAGE—IS A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR'S

3.5 PERCENT MIDYEAR GROWTH. TELEVISION SETS 49

PERCENT), FURNITURE 48 PERCENT), AND WASHING

MACHINES 47 PERCENT) WERE THE STAR PERFORMERS.

PRODUCTION OF ALL THE ITEMS IN OUR CONSUMER DURABLES

SAMPLE ACCELERATED EXCEPT RADIOS, PHONOGRAPHS, AND

BICYCLES. DEMAND FOR THESE GOODS SHOULD REMAIN

STRONG AS FAMILIES MOVE INTO NEW APARTMENTS; AN

UNPRECEDENTED MODICULO APARTMENTS HAVE BEEN CON-

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THE DECLINE IN THE INDUSTRIAL GROWTH RATE REFLECTS THE SAG IN PRODUCER DURABLES. THE GROWTH
RATE OF NEARLY EVERY PRODUCT IN THIS GROUP DECREASED RELATIVE TO LAST YEAR, WITH THE MOST
VISIBLE DROPS IN CARS. INSTRUMENTS, FORGE PRESSES,
AND OIL EQUIPMENT. APART FROM OIL EQUIPMENT,
THESE DECLINES RESULT FROM ACHIEVING GROWTH RATES
IN 1974 THAT COULD NOT SE SUSTAINED. THE VOLUME
OF OIL EQUIPMENT, DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES, AND FREIGHT
CARS PRODUCED ACTUALLY DECLINED.

GROW AT THE TORPID 2.5 PERCENT RATE ACHIEVED LAST YEAR.!!

GROWTH IN THE MATERIALS SECTOR EDGED UP THIS
YEAR IN EVERY GROUP EXCEPT ELECTRICITY AND COAL.
THIS IMPROVEMENT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO THE
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY: A MAJOR BOTTLENECK IN THE
SOVIET ECONOMY. ECONFIDENTIALS E-E IMPORT.

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CHINA: PEKING RECENTLY CHANGED TACTICS IN ITS ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE PERSISTENT FACTIONAL PROBLEMS IN CHE-KIANG. RECENT EVENTS INDICATE THAT THE NEW STRATEGY INCLUDES A LEADERSHIP RESHUFFLE AND THE USE OF TROOPS TO RESTORE ORDER IN A NUMBER OF HANGCHOU FACTORIES. Y

ALTHOUGH TAN CHI-LUNG, WHO ASSUMED THE POST OF FIRST PARTY SECRETARY IN 1974, REMAINS IN POWER, MANY NEW FACES HAVE APPEARED IN BOTH THE HILLTARY STRUCTURE AND THE LOWER AND MIDDLE ECHELONS OF THE PARTY AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES. OF THE FOURTEEN OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED AT THE RECENT PROVINCIAL MEET-ING, SEVEN ARE NEWCOMERS TO THE CHEKIANG SCENE. SEV-ERAL LEADERS INCLUDING CHANG WEN-PI, A NEW PARTY SEC-RETARY AND THE MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDER, AND THE NEW FIRST AND SECOND SECRETARIES OF THE HANGCHOU HU-NICIPAL PARTY COME FROM OTHER PROVINCES. 4

THE NEED TO BRING IN OUTSIDERS TO ENSURE ORDER DATE: ORIG UNIT. EXT:

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AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CENTRAL INSTRUCTIONS STEMS FROM THE CONTINUATION OF CULTURAL REVOLUTIONARY RI-VALRIES WITHIN THE LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS.//THE PURGE OF MAN PING, THE FIRST SECRETARY FROM 1958 TO 1972, FOR SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIN PIAO PLOT ONLY INCREASED THE PROBLEMS FOR HIS SUCCESSOR TAN CHI-LUNG--NAN WAS THE FIRST POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE CHEKIANG-BASED TWENTIETH ARMY, SEGMENTS OF WHICH REMAINED LOYAL TO HIM AFTER HIS PURGE. IT APPEARS THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR THE TROUBLEMAKING TWENTIETH ARMY WAS REMOVED FROM CHEKIANG AND REPLACED BY ELEMENTS OF THE TWELFTH ARMY FROM ANHWEI. THE NEW MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDER, CHANG WEN-PI, HAS HAD A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE TWELFTH ARMY.//P

IN THE PAST, THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP HAS CALLED TAN TO PEKING FOR CONDULTATIONS, ESSUED DIRECTIVES CONCERNING PROBLEMS IN CHEKIANG, ORDERED THE DISBAND-MENT OF MILITIA UNITS AND SENT WANG HUNG-WEN TO CHERDAGE:

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KIANG. NOW, HOWEVER, PEKING SEEMS PREPARED TO GO A STEP FURTHER AND USE FORCE IN ORDER TO BACK UP TAN'S RECENT DEMANDS FOR AN END TO FACTIONALISM AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CENTRAL INSTRUCTIONS.Y

TON, PLA TROOPS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO VARIOUS

FACTORIES IN HANGCHOU TO RESTORE ORDER. WHILE THE

TROOPS ARE OSTENSIBLY GOING TO THE FACTORIES TO ENGAGE IN PRODUCTION, THE FACTIONAL DISPUTES AND THE

RESULTANT DISRUPTIONS IN PRODUCTION ARE APPARENTLY

SO SERIOUS THAT PEKING IS WILLING TO USE TROOPS

DESPITE ITS ATTEMPTS TO REMOVE THE ARMY FROM POSI
TIONS OF POWER GAINED IN THE AFTERMATH OF

THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. AN EARLIER BROADCAST

ASCRIBED PAST LAPSES IN PRODUCTION AT ONE HANGCHOU

FACTORY TO BOURGEOIS FACTIONALISM AND SABOTAGE BY

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THE DATES OF DISPATCH OF THE TROOPS, JULY 34

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AND JULY 22. COUPLED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT
THOSE PLA FIGURES INVOLVED IN THE DECISION TO USE
TROOPS WERE RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN MAO. SUGGEST THAT
THE CHEKIANG PROBLEM MAY HAVE BEEN A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE RECENT HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IN PEKING-Y

UHETHER THIS NEW PLAN CAN SOLVE THE LONG-STANDING FACTIONAL DISPUTES IN CHEKIANG REMAINS TO BE
SEEN. THE FORMULA CHOSEN BY PEKING, THE USE OF OUTSIDERS AND TROOPS, IS ONE WHICH HAS BEEN AVOIDED IN
THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. OUTSIDERS HAVE TRADITIONALLY
HAD A MORE DIFFICULT TIME DEALING WITH PROVINCIAL PROBLEMS, TAN CHI-LUNG, WHO WAS ORIGINALLY
FROM SHANTUNG, HAS NOT HAD MUCH SUCCESS IN CHEKIANG.
//PERHAPS NOW WITH THE BACKING OF THE TWELFTH ARMY,
TAN AND HIS NEW ASSOCIATES WILL BE ABLE TO BRING
FACTIONALISM IN CHEKIANG UNDER CONTROL.//ESECRETJY

2. CHINA-TAIWAN: THE CHINESE HAVE REACTED SWIFTLY
TO WIDESPREAD BUT UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMORS THAT CHINESE
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NATIONALIST PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO RECENTLY TOYED WITH THE IDEA OF MAKING A DEAL WITH MOSCOW.4

THE RUMORS, CIRCULATED PRIMARILY IN HONG KONG AND EAPAN, SUGGESTED THAT SOVIET FRONT MAN VICTOR LOUIS DAS IN TAIPEI RECENTLY FOR TALKS WITH CHIANG AND OTHER NATIONALIST LEADERS. IN FACT, THERE IS NO FIRM EVIDENCE THAT LOUIS--OR ANY OTHER SOVIET. REPRESENTATIVE--HAS HAD CONTACT RECENTLY WITH THE NATIONALISTS. MOREOVER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW A FLIRTATION WITH FAIPEI BOULD WORK TO MOSCOW'S ADVANTAGE AT THIS TIME. THE SOVIETS RECOGNIZE THAT A DEAL WITH TAIPEI WOULD GREATLY COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO RESTORE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH PEKING IN THE POSI-MAO PERIOD.Y

A ZECOND RUMOR SUBSECTED THAT HIGH-LEVEL OFFT-CIALS ON TARMAH WERE MEETING IN LATE JULY TO CON-SIDER ESTABLISHING TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE USSR.

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SINCE THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK

LAST APRIL, PREMIER CHIANG HAS STRESSED THAT THERE

WILL BE NO NEGOTIATIONS OR RELATIONS OF ANY KIND

WITH THE SOVIETS, AND HAS ARGUED THAT "SELF-RELIANCE"

IS THE KEY TO THE NATIONALISTS! SURVIVAL."

ALTHOUGH TAIPEI IS NOT SERIOUSLY INTERESTED
IN A MOVE TOWARD MOSCOW NOW NATIONALIST OFFICIALS
CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE PEKING'S EXTREME SENSITIVITIES
ON THIS MATTER AND ARE PROBABLY PERSUADED THAT OCCASIONAL "LEAKS" OF ALLEGED CONTACTS ARE USEFUL AS IRRITANTS IN PEKING-Y

THE PRC-OWNED PRESS IN HONG KONG, UNDOUBTEDLY
REFLECTING PEKING'S VIEWS, SEIZED ON THESE RUMORS
TO ATTACK NATIONALIST OFFICIALS WHO CONSIDER "ENTERING HELL AND EMBRACING THE DEVIL." THE PRESS WAS
ESPECIALLY CRITICAL OF PREMIER CHIANG AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER CHOW SHU-KAI, WHOM IT DESCRIBED AS THE
"ARCHITECT" OF TAIPEI'S PRO-SOVIET POLICY."

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CHINESE UNHAPPINESS OVER THE FAILURE OF THEIR EFFORTS OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS TO DEVELOP A DIA-LOGUE WITH THE NATIONALISTS CONTRIBUTES TO PFKING'S SENSITIVITIES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A MOSCOM-TAIPEL DEAL. CHINA'S REACTION TO TAIPEI'S FAILURE TO ACCEPT ANY OF THE "WAR CRIMINALS" WHOM PEKING RELEASED IN APRIL IS A CASE IN POINT. PEKING CLEARLY HOPED THAT TAIPET HOULD ACCEPT THE RELYASEES AND THAT THERE WOULD BE RESULTING PRESSURES FOR SOME FORM OF MAIN-LAND-TARUAM CONTACTS. THE NATIONALIZTS' ADAMANT RE-FUSAL TO ACCEPT THE "WAR CRIMINALS" IS A CLEAR SIGNAL THAT THEY ARE NOT PREPARED FOR CONTACT WITH PEKING. (CON-FIDENTIAL E-2 IMPDET.H

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ARGENTINA: DESPITE ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT ARGENTINE PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA PERON WAS TO HAVE BEGUN A WEEK'S VACATION. SHE MADE A WELL-PUBLICIZED RETURN TO THE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE ON AUGUST 4. HER REAPPEARANCE AT WORK SEEMED DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT SHE STILL HAS A FIRM HOLD ON THE PRESIDENCY. THOUGH SHE HAS, IN FACT, BEEN DEPREVED OF EFFECTIVE POWER.

THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNMENT HAS PALLEN INCREASINGLY TO THREE MEMBERS OF THE CABINET WHO MAY BE WORKING TO KEEP PERON IN THE PUBLIC EYE TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THEIR HANDLING OF DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS.

THEY PROBABLY HOPE IN THIS FASHION TO AVOID THE VIRULENT CRITICISM THAT HAS PARALYZED PREVIOUS CABINETS.

THE RETENTION OF PERON AS FIGUREHEAD ALSO SUGGESTS THAT

ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A SUCCESSOR REMAIN ELUSIVE EVEN THOUGH

A RESPECTED PERONIST POLITICIAN HAS RECENTLY CHOSEN FOR THE CON
GRESSIONAL POSITION THAT PLACES HIM NEXT IN THE LINE OF SUCCESSION.

PERON'S CONTINUANCE IN OFFICE MAY ALSO BE THOUGHT USEFUL AS A SCREEN

FOR THE CONTINUED MANEUVERING FOR INFLUENCE AMONG MAJOR POWER GROUPS.

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//FOUR DAYS AFTER THE ANTI-ISRAEL EDITORIAL APPEARED.

THE IRANIAN PRESS GAVE FRONTPAGE COVERAGE TO A US JOURNALIST'S

INTERVIEW WITH THE SHAH. THE SHAH ACCUSED ISRAEL OF USING

DELAYING TACTICS THAT COULD LEAD TO THE REPLACEMENT OF SADAT

BY AN EXTREMIST REGIME. THE SHAH SAID TEL AVIV IS COMMITTING

A "GRAVE BLUNDER" IN RELYING ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES FOR ITS

SECURITY.//Y

//THE IRANIAN FOREIGN WINISTER RAISED HACKLES IN TEL
AVIV WHEN HE WENT ALONG WITH THE ARAB RESOLUTION TAT THE ISLAMIC
CONFERENCE IN JIDDA IN JULY ADVOCATING ISRAEL'S SUSPENSION
FROM THE UN. IRANIAN DIPLOMATS HAVE SINCE BEGUN TO VACILLATE
ON WHETHER TEHRAN WILL GO ALONG WITH ANTI-ISRAELI MOTIONS
IN THE UN.//Y

//THE SHAH'S REAL LEVERAGE OVER ISRAEL, OF COURSE, IS OIL;
IRAN SUPPLIES ABOUT BUT PERCENT OF ISRAEL'S REQUIREMENTS. THE
IMPLIED THROAT BEHIND THE SHAH'S TOUGH TALK IS THAT HE WILL
CUT THE FLOW. THE SHAH IS PROBABLY NOT YET PREPARED TO CUT
THE ISRAELIS OFF.//Y

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//THE SHAH'S TACTICS WILL NOT FORCE A POLICY RE-EVALUATION
IN TEL AVIV. BUT WILL MAKE ISRAEL MORE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT
IRAN'S RELIABILITY AS A SOURCE FOR OIL. TEL AVIV WILL THUS
MAKE A MORE DETERMINED EFFORT FOR A FIRM COMMITMENT FROM
WASHINGTON GUARANTEEING IS OIL REQUIREMENTS BEFORE IT AGREES
TO RETURN THE ABU RUMDAYS OILFIELDS TO EGYPT. ESECRETS//E-E IMPDET.A

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